GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDLOOM WEAVING
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether handloom weaving is our cultural heritage; and

(b) If so, the steps being taken by the Government to protect age-old traditional craft of weaving?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Handloom Textiles constitute a timeless facet of the rich cultural heritage of India.

(b) : The Government of India has been implementing a number of developmental schemes and programmes to protect the age old traditional craft of weaving. These scheme, mainly, are Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Handloom Export Scheme, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Health Insurance Scheme and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Yojana. Besides, Government of India has introduced "Handloom Mark Scheme" to provide a collective identity to the handloom products and also to serve as a guarantee for the buyer that the product being purchased is a genuinely hand woven product.